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SUBJECT: UNITA SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE: BENGUELA RAILROAD

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED BY MAIL A JULY 27 "SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE"

SIGNED BY UNITA'S POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP WHICH STATES  
THEIR INTENTION OF CONTINUING THE STRUGGLE FOR TOTAL ANGOLAN  
INDEPENDENCE. THE COMMUNIQUE DECLARES THAT THE BENGUELA RAIL-  
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WAY WILL NOT OPERATE UNLESS THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE, "OF WHOM UNITA  
IS THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE", WISH IT TO DO SO. END SUMMARY.

2. ON AUGUST 1 THE EMBASSY RECEIVED A "SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE"  
FROM UNITA (NATIONAL UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA)  
REAFFIRMING ITS DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE, ALONE  
IF NECESSARY. IN RESPONSE TO THE EFFORTS OF "RUSSO-CUBAN

SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM" TO ISOLATE UNITA BY DEMORALIZING ITS ALLIES AND THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE THROUGH THE "INTERNATIONLA MASS MEDIA," THE COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF UNITA'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE SUPREME COMMAND OF THE ANGOLAN LIBERATION ARMY (FALA) MET IN ANGOLA FROM JULY 25-27 AND AGREED AMONG OTHER THINGS UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

A. THEY STATED THEIR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT, "EVEN ALONE, UNTIL THE RUSSIAN AND CUBAN INVADERS WERE COMPLETELY EXPELLED" FROM ANGOLA:

B) THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR MILITARY ALLIANCE WITH ALL THE "PATRIOTIC FORCES OF ANGOLA AND CABINDA WHO FIGHT AGAINST THE COMMOM ENEMY";

C) THEYNOTED THEIR "JULY 24 ATTACK ON LUANDA" AND THE "SUCCESSIVE ATTACKS IN THE PROVINCES OF CUANDO-CUBANGO, CUNENE, MEXICO, AND BIE FROM JULY 22-27"; CLAIMING SEVERAL ENEMY DEATHS FROM THE FORMER AND OVER 150 ENEMY KILLED AND SEVERAL WOUNDED AS A RESULT OF THE LATTER;

D) THEY REAFFIRMED THAT THE BENGUELA RAILWAY "WOULD NEVER FUNCTION AGAINST THE WILL OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE OF WHOM UNITA IS THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE";

E) FINALLY, THEY REPORTED THE RETURN OF PRESIDENT  
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SAVIMBI TO ANGOLA, AFTER A "TRIUMPHAL" TEN-NATION TOUR, AND THAT HE HAS RESUMED HIS "PERSONAL DIRECTION" OF THE STRUGGLE.

3. THE COMMUNIQUE ENDS WITH THE SLOGAN "CONQUER OR DIE", "THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES", AND "UNITED WE WILL CONQUER". IT WAS SIGNED ON JULY 27 IN THE "LIBERATED TERRITORY OF ANGOLA" BY COLONEL JONAS SAVIMBI (PRESIDENT), COLONEL MIQUEL PUNA (SECRETARY GENERAL), COLONEL JOSE CHIOALE (COMMANDER IN CHIEF), AND LT. COLONEL WALDEMAR CHINDONDO (CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF).

4. COMMENT: THE KEY ELEMENT OF THE COMMUNIQUE, MOST OF WHICH IS THE STANDARD RHETORIC, IS UNITA'S DECISION TO CONTINUE ITS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE BENGUELA RAILWAY. UNITA'S CREDIBILITY AS A POLITICAL-MILITARY FORCE IN ANGOLA RESTS IN LARGE PART UPON IT ABILITY TO CLOSE THAT RAILROAD. IT APPEARS THAT SAVIMBI HAS ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY THE NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE PLAN AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ZAIRIAN-ANGOLAN RELATIONS, EVENTS WHICH THREATEN UNITA'S MAJOR SOURCES OF EXTERNAL AID.

5. COPY OF COMMUNIQUE POUCHED TO AF/C - X SWING.

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